

TITLE 67  
STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 56  
COMMISSION ON ARTS

67-5601. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby found that there is an increasing appreciation and interest in the practice and enjoyment of the arts, that our citizens are becoming aware, due to increasing leisure time, of a broader and richer life through artistic endeavors, that there is need to improve the cultural environment of our state, and that growth of our industry, commerce, agriculture, and quality of life will be enhanced by cultural development.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to encourage the development of our artistic and cultural life and to join with all persons and institutions concerned with the arts to insure that the role of the arts in our communities will grow and play an ever more significant part in the welfare and educational experience of our citizens.

[67-5601, added 1967, ch. 48, sec. 1, p. 90; am. 2004, ch. 231, sec. 1, p. 677.]

67-5602. COMMISSION ON THE ARTS -- CREATION -- MEMBERSHIP. There is hereby created and established within the office of the governor a state commission, to be known as the Idaho commission on the arts, to consist of thirteen (13) members, representative of the public, Idaho's ethnic and cultural diversity, the various fields of the arts, and all geographic areas of our state. Each member shall be appointed by the governor from among citizens of the state who are widely known for their interest, competence, and experience in the arts. In making such appointments, due consideration shall be given to the recommendations made by representative civic, educational and professional associations and groups concerned with or engaged in production or presentation of the arts generally.

[67-5602, added 1967, ch. 48, sec. 2, p. 90; am. 1969, ch. 316, sec. 1, p. 974; am. 1974, ch. 5, sec. 7, p. 23; am. 1978, ch. 303, sec. 1, p. 760; am. 1991, ch. 9, sec. 1, p. 26; am. 2003, ch. 18, sec. 1, p. 70; am. 2004, ch. 231, sec. 2, p. 677.]

67-5603. TERMS OF MEMBERS -- APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS -- SERVICE OF MEMBERS -- COMPENSATION. The term of office of each member shall be four (4) years; provided that all members' terms shall be extended to June 30 of the year their terms expire. When a member's term expires, the governor shall appoint a member for a four (4) year term which shall be from July 1 to June 30 four (4) calendar years later. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term. The governor shall designate a chairman and a vice-chairman from the members of the commission to serve as such at the pleasure of the governor. All vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The members of the commission shall be compensated as provided by section [59-509](#)(b), Idaho Code.

[67-5603, added 1967, ch. 48, sec. 3, p. 90; am. 1969, ch. 316, sec. 2, p. 974; am. 1978, ch. 303, sec. 2, p. 760; am. 1980, ch. 247, sec. 89, p.

651; am. 1991, ch. 9, sec. 2, p. 26; am. 1999, ch. 205, sec. 1, p. 552; am. 2000, ch. 307, sec. 1, p. 1043.]

67-5604. EMPLOYEES. The commission shall employ, and at pleasure remove an executive director. The executive director shall be the chief executive officer of the commission. The director may, subject to the approval of the commission, employ and remove any consultants, experts or other employees as may be needed. The executive director shall set the compensation for all nonclassified employees within the amounts made available for such purposes.

[67-5604, added 1967, ch. 48, sec. 4, p. 90; am. 1978, ch. 303, sec. 3, p. 761; am. 2004, ch. 231, sec. 3, p. 678.]

67-5605. DUTIES OF COMMISSION. The duties of the commission shall be:

(1) To stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and presentation of the arts and public interest and participation therein;

(2) To make such surveys as may be deemed advisable of public and private institutions engaged within the state in artistic and cultural activities, including but not limited to, music, theatre, dance, creative writing, painting, sculpture, architecture, and folk and traditional arts and crafts, and to make recommendations concerning appropriate methods to encourage participation in and appreciation of the arts to meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of persons in all parts of the state;

(3) To take such steps as may be necessary and appropriate to encourage public interest in the cultural heritage of our state and to expand the state's cultural resources;

(4) To encourage and assist freedom of artistic expression essential for the well-being of the arts;

(5) To establish such rules in compliance with [chapter 52, title 67](#), Idaho Code, as may be necessary to discharge the duties of the commission.

[67-5605, added 1967, ch. 48, sec. 5, p. 90; am. 2004, ch. 231, sec. 4, p. 678.]

67-5606. HEARINGS -- CONTRACTS -- ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND BEQUESTS. The commission is hereby authorized and empowered to hold public and private hearings, to enter into contracts, within the limit of funds available therefor, with individuals, organizations and institutions for services furthering the educational and cultural objectives of the commission's programs; to enter into contracts, within the limit of funds available therefor, with local and regional associations for cooperative endeavors furthering the educational and cultural objectives of the commission's programs; to accept gifts, contributions, and bequests of funds from individuals, foundations, corporations, and other organizations or institutions, for the purpose of furthering the educational and cultural objectives of the commission's programs; to make and sign any agreements and to do and perform any acts that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the act.

[67-5606, added 1967, ch. 48, sec. 6, p. 90; am. 2004, ch. 231, sec. 5, p. 678.]

67-5607. AGENCY TO HANDLE FUNDS FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT. The commission is the official agency of this state to receive and disburse any funds made available by the national endowment for the arts.

All funds in the custody or control of the commission on the arts, all gifts, contributions and bequests of funds to the commission, and any funds received from the national endowment for the arts by the commission, are hereby declared exempt from the provisions of the standard appropriations act of 1945.

[67-5607, added 1967, ch. 48, sec. 7, p. 90; am. 2004, ch. 231, sec. 6, p. 679.]